

Public Transportation News June 2015

GoTransit Unveiling

On March 25, NCDOT Secretary Tony Tata, along with Durham Mayor Bill Bell and Raleigh Mayor Pro Tem John Odom, unveiled GoRaleigh, GoDurham and GoTriangle, the new look of public transit serving the Triangle, and all part of a new family of services called GoTransit.

By rebranding Capital Area Transit, DATA and Triangle Transit under the GoTransit umbrella, each system is able to maintain its uniqueness, while better connecting and unifying the region as a whole. To learn more, visit www.gotransitnc.com.













CTAA Conference

The annual Community Transportation Association of America Conference and EXPO - CTAA Conference was held in Tampa, FL. May 30 – June 5. Kim Angel, Director of the Macon County Transportation System provided a brief introduction of their service that focused on what in the community prompted the recognition of the need for a one-call/one-click service, the unique or special features that address those needs and what benefits their customers have gained since the launch of the service.



NCAMPO Pre-Conference Training

The Public Transportation Division hosted a pre conference training for MPOs and RPOs on April 29 at the NCAMPO Conference in Raleigh. The topics covered in the 3 hour event were:

- Planning for the next 50 years with NC's projected population growth, vision and leadership are keys to a new future. (Enrique Peñalosa's mobility video was featured);
- Economic Benefits of Transit study results;
- STI changes for transit projects made possible by these gifts – scores to evaluate, Peer Review activities, Cambridge study, ability to revisit criteria and a work group of our partners;
- Preparing for MAP-21 Performance Based Planning requirements; and
- Review and clean-up of the Draft STIP (State Transportation Improvement Plan).





PART Intermodal Transportation Center



The PART Intermodal Transportation Center was named in honor and recognition of former Congressman Howard Coble. Coble is a consistent supporter of mobility choices in the Piedmont Triad. The PART Intermodal Transportation Center was made possible by a congressional earmark sponsored by Coble. A groundbreaking and naming ceremony for the Center was held on May 13 in Greensboro. Thank you Mr. Andrew Perkins, NCBOT member, for representing the DOT at the groundbreaking.

Wave Transit Operations Center



The Cape Fear Public Transportation Authority celebrating the opening of the Wave Transit Operations Center on April 30 in Wilmington. The ceremony featured keynote speaker Dr. Yvette G. Taylor. Dr. Taylor is the Regional Administration of the Federal Transit Administration, Region IV.

Trainings conducted for sub recipients:

- Procurement training (required)
- Reasonable Suspicion Drug and Alcohol Training
- Training Toolkit roll out / training
- Camera system training
- System Safety compliance overview
- Fully allocated cost model
- Economic Benefits of Transit using local report

Meetings:

- MPO Conference
- FTA Southeast Region Conference

Presentations this month

- Wilmington dedication
- MPO Conference preconference and closing



BENEFITS OF TRANSIT IN NORTH CAROLINA

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77.8 MILLION TRIPS PROVIDED IN 2014

Urban = 68.7 million • Small Urban = 5.1 million • Rural = 4.0 million





\$975 MILLION STATEWIDE BUSINESS OUTPUT

Expenditure-related economic contribution refers to statewide economic effects supported by the capital and operational expenditures of North Carolina's transit systems.



\$781 MILLION

ANNUAL BENEFIT OF HAVING A TRANSIT OPTION IN NC COMMUNITIES

\$217 million in transportation cost savings- using transit instead of other modes \$564 million in affordable mobility benefits- benefit from having transit services available

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

PROVIDES

- Economic benefits to communities
- Health benefits
- Access to work, education, training, medical transportation, shopping and tourism

REDUCES

- Individual transportation costs
- Congestion and delays
- Road construction and maintenance



Source: Economic Benefits of Transit research conducted for NCDOT/PTD by the Institute for Transportation Research and Education at North Carolina State University. February 2015.







TRANSIT FUNDING

Every \$1 the state of North Carolina invests in transit generates approximately \$6 of total investment in North Carolina from federal, state and local sources.



More than **9,000 JOBS** are supported by transit system operations and capital investments which results in

\$356 MILLION in wages